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Title: **SAFER TOY BALLOONS AND METHODS OF IMPARTING  
UNPALATABLE TASTE TO SAME**

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**COMMUNICATION**

The above Application (No. 10/724.802) was filed on the same day as the Applicants Application 10/724.795, A SAFE BALLOON CLOSURE AND SEALING DEVICE, with both Applications containing a Petition to Make Special under 37CFR 1.0102 (c).

It is the Applicants understanding that both applications are assigned to Assistant Examiner Cegielnik.

Because of similar subject matter, a repulsive taste serving as a safety feature, the Applicant respectfully suggests that it might be expedient for both applications be considered / searched at the same time.

Respectively submitted,

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